Hello from Berlin

This week, representatives from Wikimedia affiliates met in Berlin with the Wikimedia Board of Trustees and Wikimedia Foundation staff for the Wikimedia Summit. The major task of the Summit was to review the Movement Strategy Process 2030 work thus far, which was done effectively via working groups. The scoping documents produced are available for ongoing discussion to the end of May 2019.

What's on!

- **Fri 5 April 2019, Vic:** UoM Wiki Agenda Community of Practice Meeting 6 — Dulcie Hollyoak Room, Baillieu Library, The University of Melbourne April meetup will join La Trobe University's #shutupandwiki at 1pm for an hour of intensive independent editing. BYO lunch.

- **1–31 May 2019, National:** Wiki Loves Earth 2019. Photographic competition with a scope of protect places in Australia. Prizes of $100 and entry to the International judging.

- **Tue 7 May 2019, Vic:** Victorian Public Art Wikipedia — Heritage Room National Trust, 6 Parliament Place, East Melbourne. Come and help National Trust Victoria document public artworks in regional Victoria using Wikipedia.

- **Sat 18 May 2019, SA:** International Museum Day Wikipedia Edit-a-thon at Memorial Hall, Torrens Parade Ground, Victoria Drive, Adelaide. An edit-a-thon for South Australian museums. BYO laptop

- **12–14 June 2019, NSW:** Worlds of Wikimedia — University of Sydney, Camperdown. Papers that address Wikimedia's role in enhancing global diversity from a range of perspectives including education, digital communication, indigenous knowledge, GLAM, Disability Studies, Internet studies and big data.

- **15–16 June 2019, NSW:** WMAU Community Conference — at the University of Sydney.

In the news

- Why Four Versions of Wikipedia Have Deliberately Gone Dark, Fortune

- The Notability Blues, Slate

- Global analysis of billions of Wikipedia searches reveals biodiversity secrets, phys.org

- A wrap of Women's History Month, Wikipedia Signpost

Indigenous Knowledge Sharing

Wikimedia Australia recognises the need to improve coverage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history, language, and knowledge across all Wikimedia projects. We have published a new policy, as a guide on how to approach activities including workshops and events. The policy also guides the committee on decision making with applications for support through the Volunteer Support programme, or other assistance, as may be required.

Read the new Indigenous Knowledge Sharing policy here.

2019 Australia's Year of the Public Domain

There have been changes to Australian copyright law taking effect from 1 January 2019 (Copyright Amendment (Disability Access and Other Measures) Act 2017) which means we have new material entering the public domain. A key change is that unpublished materials such as diaries, letters and shipping manifests will be subject to the same copyright term as their published counterparts, and orphan works have been given a term of 70 years.

Wikimedia Australia looks forward to working with GLAM partners and copyright organisations through the year to maximise awareness and use of these resources.

Membership renewals

Wikimedia Australia really appreciates the support of our members. Membership renewal notices will be arriving on 1 May, and are due for payment by 30 June 2019. Thank you to our valued members.

WikiClubWest

The Western Australian Wiki Club has been holding monthly meetups at the State Library WA, usually on a Saturday or Sunday. Other events and gatherings have occurred between the meetups, focusing on Toodyaypedia, WA music history, or adding maps to Wikipedia articles.

The key component of a WikiClubWest and Wikimedia Australia digitisation project, an Epson V850 Pro scanner, was presented to the community at the March meetup at Riverton Library using the City of Canning's Digital Studio space. This space includes a 3D printer, laser cutter, and robotics.

During the session members were able to operate the scanner for scanning, slides, plates, books, and prints. Along with the scanner there will be a set of temperature adjustable LED studio lights for large objects and a light tent for smaller objects. Photographing these will be using cameras supplied by individuals. Where possible we will also be using macro lenses to photograph hallmarks which in themselves tell a whole new story about the objects, its manufacturer, and designer. Photographs will be included in the Commons Category: WikiClubWest digitization. Sample slides provided by Gnangarra included photographs of some of the biggest names in touring car racing in the 1980's in some of their iconic cars.

Any Perth locals or visitors interested in finding out more about Wikimedia movement is encouraged to come along to our next meetup. We usually have a social lunch, and before or after (or both) do some hands-on editing of Wikipedia or other projects (so bring a laptop if you can).

WikiClub NT

WikiClub NT meets to create and update Wikipedia pages about NT people, places and histories. Coordinator Caddie Brain headed to Tennant Creek recently, where there were only 20 images the town on Wikipedia/Wikimedia Commons. Using the new Wikidata tool, WikiShootme, it is possible to see where there were known areas of interest but no images - the red dots. Following the workshop, the map turned from red to green. Four new pages were created and 35 new images were uploaded for all to use.

WikiShootme Tennant Creek before

WikiShootme Tennant Creek after

Keep up to date with our activities on the Wikimedia Australia website, our Facebook page or on Twitter. And remember, if you have questions, need advice or are keen to hold an event get in touch.
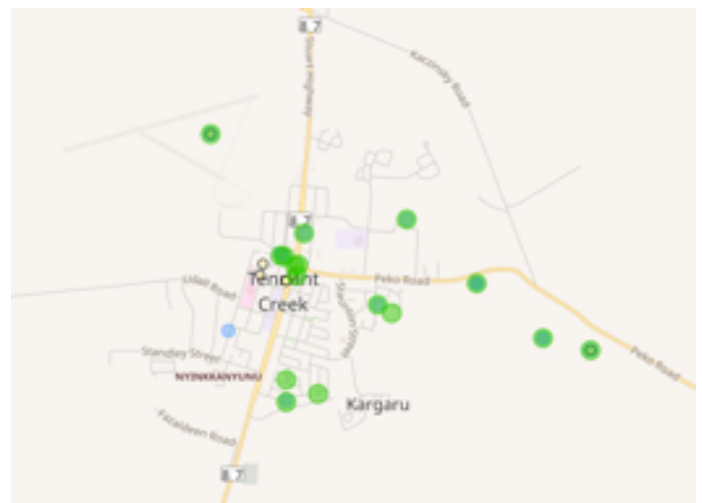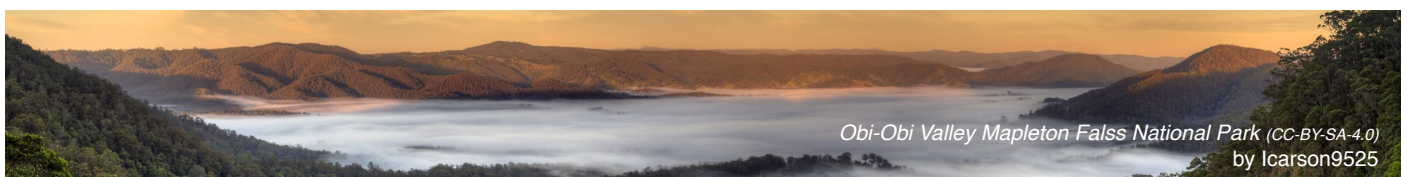
Hope to see you all at an event soon
All the best, the Wikimedia Australia Committee

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